

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 17 and ending on page 7, line 38 with the following amended paragraph. The amendment is supported in Figs. 1 and 2 and no new matter has been added.

Figure 1 illustrates an optical recording medium 1, a DVD-ROM disc in the example illustrated, which is made to rotate by a drive unit 3. After the insertion of the DVD-ROM disc 1, the "BCA data area" of the DVD-ROM disc 1 is read by an optical read unit/detection means 2. This BCA data area uniquely identifies the respectively inserted DVD-ROM disc 1, so that the respectively inserted DVD-ROM disc 1 can be individually inferred by evaluation of the BCA data area. The use of the BCA data area for identifying the DVD-ROM disc 1 is advantageous since this comprises relatively coarse structures and can be read very easily by the read apparatus. All that is necessary is for the objective lens of the optical read unit 2 to be coarsely focused by corresponding focus regulation, while track regulation is not necessary since the BCA data area is very large in relation to the scanning beam of the optical read unit and lies in a specific diameter region of the DVD-ROM disc 1. Consequently, the scanning beam of the optical read unit 2 merely has to be moved to this specific diameter region of the DVD-ROM disc 1, preferably into the centre of the said region.